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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 (e)

Sir:

In response to the Statement of Reasons for the Indication of Allowable Subject Matter in the Notice of Allowance dated May, 4, 2005, the following comments are respectfully submitted.

While Applicants maintain that the claims are allowable and patentably distinguishable over the prior art, Applicants do not necessarily acquiesce to all the Examiner's characterizations of the disclosed invention and the prior art. For the reasons of record, Applicants maintain that the claimed invention is both novel and unobvious over the cited prior art.

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Respectfully submitted,

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